

Realty Board Opposes City Bus Operation

Emphasizes Reasons for Hostility to Proposed Hyman-Whalen Control of Vital Public Utilities

Political Bias Charged

Approval of Miller Transit Program Two Years Ago Cited to Show Attitude

The Real Estate Board of New York stands by its guns in its attitude of hostility to the proposed Hyman-Whalen city operation of public utilities and gives the reasons therefore in an answer issued yesterday, to a statement by Commissioner Whalen of the Department of Plant and Structures.

Commissioner Whalen on November 6 took exception to a published statement made by the real estate men, basing his criticism on these points:

"This reference was made to the testimony then being taken before the Transit Commission on the operation of municipal buses.

"That the statement issued by the Real Estate Board indicated a choice for Governor by approving the work of the Transit Commission.

"That attention was called to the fact that taxpayers would be paying more heavily than they now are paying if the highways were operated by the city, and buses are being operated.

Approved Transit Program

The board answers the political bias charge by citing the fact that it nearly two years ago approved Governor Miller's transit program and later approved the bill which created the Transit Commission. The board says that it always opposed municipal operation of public utilities, and then adds:

"So far as the Real Estate Board is concerned, the Government has no right to favor of municipal operation of public utilities than is the present Government; and his two Transit Commission appointments were made, while they did favor municipal ownership of public utilities, advocated regulated corporate operation of such lines.

"As to the testimony which was then being taken, and is still being taken, by the Transit Commission, that surely was a reasonable subject of public notice.

"It may be that the City of New York has no proprietary interest in any of the bus lines, but the fact remains that the city has assumed the control of all bus lines, as is evidenced by the following items in next year's budget: Next year's budget contains items aggregating \$2,922,000 for employees in the transportation division of the Department of Plant and Structures, namely: Appropriations for the operation of the city's bus lines, thirty-six starters of buses, two clerks and a deputy commissioner in charge of buses, trackmen and conductors, and a deputy commissioner in charge of the city's bus lines, and doubtless there is a proportionate charge for stenographers, inspectors, etc. The minutes of the meeting of the board of the city, held on September 19, 1921, (under the CRXIV and CRV), contain more than fifty references under the heading of 'Municipal Service.'

"Profit on Trackless Trolleys

"Whether or not the trackless trolleys show any profit to the city the board is not able to determine; but the available reports seem to show that the Midland trolley on Staten Island, from December 1920, to June 30, 1921, provided a net profit of \$208,644.50, operating at a cost of \$183,314.70, or according to the report, a 'net' of \$22,289.84. Your estimate of taxes reduces this by \$9,977.91. This is without taking into account the cost of the construction of the twelve-mile road or depreciation on paving, or for cleaning snow in winter or sprinkling in summer, or a revolving fund of \$10,000 or of the \$11,000 fund in the case of the city.

"It is obvious that \$12,311.94 (plus estimated taxes) would not even approximate these items, not to mention allowance for legal expenses in defending damage suits and claims for damages.

"In relation to municipal ferries, there is no recent report available to the Real Estate Board. Last year the Department of Plant and Structures had appropriated for ferries operated by the city of \$2,287,000. Under the peculiar conditions surrounding Staten Island's physical relation to the rest of the city, the operation of the ferries by the city may be defensible. But it is highly improbable that they can be operated as an example of profit making in municipal operation.

"The Real Estate Board made no reference to the cost of the Transit Commission, but it is, we believe, no more than we think less former commissioners had."

J. W. W.'s Gathering for Convention To-morrow

Recruits Declared Numerous as Result of Outcome of Rail and Coal Strikes

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Delegates were arriving to-day for the annual convention of the Industrial Workers of the World, which opens Monday. John Grady, secretary-treasurer, in a statement declared that the I. W. W. was "steadily strengthening its lines" and had recruited members in greater numbers than ever before "in view of the crushing defeats dealt to the workers by the rail and coal strikes."

The important issues which the delegates to the fourteenth convention will discuss are outlined as follows:

Efforts to win the miners and railroad workers to industrial unions, as contrasted with craft organizations; proposals for general strike next spring in several basic industries to compel release from Federal prisons of remaining sixty-nine men termed political prisoners by the I. W. W.; proposals for formation of an international labor organization to prevent workers in one country in any way injuring the interests of strikers in another.

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Mrs. Pinchot Campaigned as Politician, Not Wife, She Says

Women Worked on Parity With Men in Battle to Name New Pennsylvania Governor, Says His Wife

Not as a wife, but as a Republican, Mrs. Gifford Pinchot assisted in the political campaign which elected her husband Governor of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Pinchot protested against being questioned yesterday on the emotions of a Governor's wife and insisted on talking politics as a politician. She is at the Hotel Ambassador taking a few days' vacation after election.

"Of course, I am very glad that we rolled up such a splendid majority for the reform candidate," she said. "The extent of the victory was the only thing that we were uncertain about, for the election was determined last spring when Mr. Pinchot received the nomination of the Republican party. All the excitement of the campaign was over when we won out against the machine in the primaries."

Mrs. Pinchot explained that she had made campaign speeches for Mr. Pinchot, "but not as a wife." After all, she intimated a wife's reasons for wishing her husband elected were of no concern to a Republican if she appealed to them as a Republican if she wished to command their interest.

Women Helped Elect Pinchot

Women played a great part in the primary campaign which nominated Mr. Pinchot, she said, and they continued their good work right through to Election Day, but there again the women had to work not as women but as Republicans.

"We had no separate women's committees," said Mrs. Pinchot, "but there were women on every committee, side by side with the men. I don't believe in separate activities for women. Every committee had its woman vice-chairman, but personally I am opposed to the position of vice-chairman. I think each committee should be headed by a man or a woman, but not both. However, that change will come later. At present we are working under the rules of the Republican party, which creates both offices. There is no state legislation on the subject in Pennsylvania corresponding to your Livemore bill here in New York."

"Mr. Pinchot has announced that he will appoint a woman to his cabinet. Don't you have a Governor's cabinet in New York? Well, that's what we call the state officials appointed by the Governor in Pennsylvania, including the Attorney General, various commissioners and so forth. I don't know which position will be offered to a woman, nor do I know who the woman will be. I believe absolutely in women holding public office, provided they are fitted for the work. The standards should be the same as for men office holders, but I do not agree with those who say women cannot hold office because they have too much experience in politics. How is a woman to be experienced unless she experiences?"

Women "More on Job"

"As for the political activities of women in general, I believe they are of the utmost importance. Not that I believe in all talk about the woman's point of view and woman's peculiar gifts. I don't believe you can block women. Some have more imagination than men, and some have less. The one great contribution to politics is the matter wherein they differ from men, is that they are more on the job before elections. Their interest is more constant than that of men. Men have a habit of getting excited about politics a few weeks before election, while after the election they shut up shop and don't think about it until the next campaign. Women have more time than men to maintain their political activities, and they are more in the heart of sustained interest anyway. It is my hope to see the women of Pennsylvania in politics every month of the year."

Three women at least were elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature, Mrs. Pinchot said, and possibly four. She had not heard the latest returns before she left Pennsylvania.

At that moment the telephone rang and the Women's National Republican Club was on the wire asking if it might give a reception for her some day next week. Mrs. Pinchot accepted, and the date will be arranged later.

Weeks Still Interviewer By Telling Him a Story

Questions on Pre-Election Statements Dodged by Secretary

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Pre-election speeches made by Secretary of War Weeks are daily being called to his attention by newspaper men who desire to ascertain if the War Secretary holds to the views he then expressed.

At to-day's conference with newspaper men Mr. Weeks was asked what he meant by his reference to "too much paternalism in government" in an Ohio speech.

"That reminds me of a story," the War Secretary replied. "A girl and her beau were out for a ride and either driven for several miles without either speaking. Suddenly the girl said, 'let's get married.' To which the girl replied, 'all right, John.' Silence then followed for another mile or so, when the girl asked, 'Why don't you say something, John?' to which he replied, 'I've said too much already.'"

The newspaper man did not pursue his inquiry further.

Tax on Incomes of \$300 Proposed in Philippines

Bill Would Impose Levy of 30 Per Cent on Salaries of \$9,000 and More

MANILA, Nov. 11 (By The Associated Press).—Citizens of the Philippines would be required to pay a graduated income tax on annual salaries ranging from \$300 upward, by the terms of a bill introduced in the Philippine Senate to-day.

Persons receiving \$300 a year would be taxed one half of one per cent, according to the bill, and those earning more than \$9,000 would pay thirty per cent.

Differences between Governor Wood and leaders of the Philippine Legislature concerning bills prepared by members of the cabinet have been promised. Secretaries who are cabinet members will be submitted to the Governor General.

Manuel Quezon, president of the Senate, issued a statement saying: "I have noted from stories appearing in the press recently that there was a tendency to make it appear that relations between the executive and legislative departments were strained. So far as I am concerned, as yet there is no conflict between the two departments, but on the contrary there exists a spirit of co-operation between them."

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Woman's Party Urges Equality In Pulpit, Too

Demand That Churches Let Down Bars to Ministry and Priesthood Made at Washington Convention

Labor Parity Also Asked

Hours and Conditions of Work Should Apply Alike to Sexes, Asserts Plank

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Officers of the National Woman's party, representing women of thirty-three states, to-day unanimously adopted a far-reaching declaration of rights, as the basis for a countrywide campaign demanding equal rights for women in the home, church, industry and government.

Debate at the opening session of the two-day equal rights conference centered principally around two planks in the declaration, which demanded that "Restrictions upon the hours, conditions and remuneration of labor shall apply alike to both sexes," and "that women shall no longer be barred from the priesthood or ministry, or any position of authority in the Church, but equally with men shall participate in ecclesiastical offices and dignities."

Speakers on the labor question argued that industrial regulations applying to hours and conditions should apply alike to women and men, and that women did not ask special legislation.

Led by Mrs. O. J. P. Belmont, national president of the party, other speakers declared that as women were the mainstay of the Church and principal educators of their children in religion, they should enjoy equal privileges of leadership in the pulpit.

To carry out the plan of equality the conference then adopted a plan of campaign reaching into every state where legislatures are to meet this year, to stir sentiment among both men and women in favor of the equal rights declaration. Equal rights sentiment would be stimulated not only in state legislatures but in Congress as well through the working of Congressional committees in each state.

To effect this it is planned for women all over the country to work toward having women nominated as candidates for every local and state office, and appointed alike with men to positions under local, county and state governments.

Mrs. John Rogers, of New York, chairman of the advisory council of the party, presided over to-day's session. To-morrow morning there will be a conference of women lawyers from all parts of the country, and in the afternoon the conference will reconvene for the disposal of several important party questions.

Sergeant York Wins \$400

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 11.—The state Court of Appeals to-day affirmed a judgment of \$400 in favor of Sergeant Alvin C. York, World War hero, as the result of the opening of a road through his property in Fentress County.

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West Protests That Congress Caters to East

Republican Losses Blamed on Capital's Indifference to Interests of States Remote From Seaboard

See Leadership Fight

Anderson to Oppose Gillett as Speaker, Is Forecast of Minnesota Governor

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Republican losses in the West were attributed to the general dissatisfaction with Congress, in a statement issued here to-day by Governor J. A. O. Preus, of Minnesota.

Wholesale assignment of Massachusetts members in the House and Senate to important posts, and failure of Congress to recognize Western members were criticized by the Minnesota Executive. He referred to the probable candidacy of Representative Anderson, of Minnesota, as an opponent to Gillett for the Speakership.

Governor Preus declared the action of Secretary of War Weeks in overruling former Secretary of War Baker's decision granting thousands of Minnesota workers the difference between War Labor Board wages and those offered by the employers cost Senator Kellogg many votes.

Governor Preus criticized the opposition of New York and New England to the proposed Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway project, declaring that thousands of bushels of potatoes were rotting on Western farms because cars were not available to ship them to the sea.

Says West Is Slighted

"The political upheaval in the West," Governor Preus said, "is due to a great extent to the unpopularity and dissatisfaction with Congress. The West feels that both houses are controlled by the East and in the interest of the East. With all respect to splendid men, such as Vice-President Coolidge, Speaker Gillett, Senator Lodge, the majority leader of the Senate and chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and Representative Samuel W. Winslow, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, all come from Massachusetts and not from the West."

"In Minnesota, the Secretary of War's decision to overrule the War Labor Board's decision, and the many votes because he overruled the labor dispute. There is strong feeling that Western men are needed in Washington, men with Western problems. For this reason Representative Sidney Anderson is being strongly urged to become a candidate for Speaker to succeed Speaker Gillett."

Resent Bar to Waterway

"The opposition of many in New England, and especially New York, to the St. Lawrence waterway project is thoroughly resented at a time such as this when thousands of bushels of potatoes are rotting on the farms because the farmers cannot get cars to ship them in. For instance, one day last week 1,233 cars of wheat were standing on the tracks at Duluth and could not be unloaded because the warehouses were full. These warehouses were full because the boats would not take the grain and transport it to Buffalo, where elevators and warehouses were full because the cars to carry the grain to New York."

"In the face of such conditions New York, its Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Trade, are opposing the St. Lawrence waterway, so that they may continue to take toll on the farmer's labor. If Governor-elect Smith of New York takes the same attitude as his predecessor he would not receive enough votes in the Western states interested in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterway to muster a majority in the House of Representatives. President Harding, who favors the treaty, is popular, but not Congress, which our people feel is organized without due recognition to the West."

American Consuls in Old Hapsburg Empire to Meet

Will Hold Conference in Budapest Thanksgiving Day to Discuss Improvements

BUDAPEST, Nov. 11 (By The Associated Press).—American consuls from places formerly included in the Hapsburg empire will gather here Thanksgiving Day for a conference. Among those present will be the consuls from Vienna, Prague, Bucharest, Belgrade, Zagreb, Fiume and Trieste. They will exchange information concerning the territories to which they are assigned and discuss proposals for bettering the organization of the consular service.

Although the meeting will be entirely unofficial, the local press insists upon attributing great political importance to it. The newspapers refer to the conference as an attempt to affect a rapprochement among the successor states. Such reports have become so widespread that the American Consulate here intends to issue a formal denial.

Enright Cables Sympathy

Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright yesterday cabled his sympathy to General Sir William Horwood, the head of Scotland Yard, who is suffering from poison as the result of what is regarded as an attempt on his life, as follows:

"Regret to hear of your illness. We hope to hear of your speedy and complete recovery."

Sir William was in this city a few months ago as the British representative at the International Police Conference.

Gift Booklet mailed upon Request

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Made Ill by Poisoned Candy



Sir William Horwood, chief of Scotland Yard and Commissioner of the metropolitan police of London, who is suffering from the effects of drugs sent to him through the mail in a box of sweets

Lunatic Blamed For Attempt on Horwood's Life

Scotland Yard Denies Any Political Motive Behind Sending of Poison Candy to Chief and Two Others

From The Tribune's European Bureau

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Political motives had nothing to do with the attempted poisoning of Sir William Horwood, chief of Scotland Yard and Commissioner of metropolitan police, it was given out here to-day. The attempt on the life of the detective chief was the work of a lunatic, it was intimated by officials.

At the same time it became known that what probably were similar attempts were made to kill the Hon. Trevor Bingham and Major F. L. W. Elliott, assistant police chiefs. Paroled convicts, chocolate cake, addressed in handwriting similar to that which bore the poisoned chocolates to Sir William, were received by both these officials at Scotland Yard last week. Both men, however, were immediately suspicious of such anonymous gifts, and instead of eating the contents, sent the cakes away for expert analysis. The experts have not yet reported on them.

Sir William Recovering

Sir William's condition is steadily improving, a hospital bulletin announced to-night, and no serious fears are now entertained for him.

Official confirmation was given by the police to-day that it was through a package of poisoned chocolates that the attempt was made on Sir William's life. What at first seemed like carelessness on the part of a man in Sir William's position in eating sweets sent to him in such a casual manner was to-day explained by the fact that he was expecting a package of sweets from a friend at the time the poisoned chocolates arrived. Why he persisted in eating them later, after his stenographer, who sampled one, had become violently ill was not, however, made clear.

As has been the case in several famous poisoning episodes in England within the last couple of years, arsenic seems to have been the drug used in the apparently innocuous foodstuffs.

Scotland Yard to-night issued a warning to the public generally, and especially to men in public life who frequently receive anonymous presents by mail, to exercise extreme care in regard to any edibles arriving under circumstances which are not thoroughly understood.

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Boom Baruch For Leader of Third Party

Conservative Voters Propose Alliance of Manufacturing and Agricultural Interests to Combat Radicals

War Board Alumni Meet